

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

Attorney's Docket No.
016660-021

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I BELIEVE I AM THE ORIGINAL, FIRST AND SOLE INVENTOR (if only one name is listed below) OR AN ORIGINAL, FIRST AND JOINT INVENTOR (if more than one name is listed below) OF THE SUBJECT MATTER WHICH IS CLAIMED AND FOR WHICH A PATENT IS SOUGHT ON THE INVENTION ENTITLED:

ACETYLENE POLYMERS AND THEIR USE AS LIQUID CRYSTALS

the specification of which

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is attached hereto;

was filed on July 14, 1999 as

Application No. _____

and was amended on _____

(if applicable)

I HAVE REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED SPECIFICATION, INCLUDING THE CLAIMS, AS AMENDED BY ANY AMENDMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE;

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY TO DISCLOSE TO THE OFFICE ALL INFORMATION KNOWN TO ME TO BE MATERIAL TO PATENTABILITY AS DEFINED IN TITLE 37, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, Sec. 1.56 (as amended effective March 16, 1992);

I do not know and do not believe the said invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to said application; that said invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said application; that said invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said application in any country foreign to the United States of America on any application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said application;

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Sec. 119 and/or Sec. 365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate as indicated below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby appoint the following attorneys and agent(s) to prosecute said application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to file, prosecute and to transact all business in connection with international applications directed to said invention:

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PATENT APPLICATION ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Ben Zhong TANG, having a correspondence address of Apt. 15, 1 University Road, HKUST, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong, and Wing Yip LAM, having a correspondence address of Rm 1831, Fung Chak House, Choz Wan Estate, Kowloon, Hong Kong, and Xiangxing KONG, having a correspondence address of Block D, Flat 3A, Junior Staff Quarters, HKUST, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong, and Hoi Sing KWOK, having a correspondence address of Tower 7, 9B, HKUST, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong, have invented new and useful improvements in

Acetylene Polymers And Their Use As Liquid Crystals

for which application is being made for Letters Patent.

WHEREAS, The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology having a correspondence address at Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong, is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in said application and any Letters Patent which may issue thereon:

NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, we hereby assign to said organization for the territory of the United States of America and the entire world our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, patent application and patent, including all priority rights for patent applications foreign to the United States of America.

WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will at any time, upon the request and at the expense of said organization, execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention, applications and patents, and we authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue Letters Patent to said organization.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we execute this assignment on the 29th day of October, 1999.

Date: 29th Oct. 1999

(signature of Ben Zhong TANG)

Date: 29th Oct. 1999

(signature of Wing Yip LAM)

Date: Oct. 29, 1999.

(signature of Xiangxing KONG)

Date: 29/10/99

(signature of Hoi Sing KWOK)